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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Company, Tom Taylor Mine,
S/047/065, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 29, 1997
Time of Inspection: 1415 - 1520
Conditions: Partly cloudy
Participants: Stan Perkes, BLM State Office; Pete Sokolosky, Vernal BLM Field Office;
Neldon Haslem, Ziegler; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the Tom Taylor mine road access while in the area.

We first met Mr. Haslem at the Ziegler offices and proceeded to the Tom Taylor mine. The mine is accessed by an existing county road which then has an existing spur road accessing the mine. At this time Ziegler proposes to grade this spur road and make some minor realignments but not change the width of the road. The BLM needs a description of the road width and some typical cross sections with dimensions. Mr. Haslem indicated that while they will need to grade this road to be able to use it, they will not need to put gravel on it.

Mr. Sokolosky informed us that the road outside of the gilsonite lease area is a County Class D road. This means the County does not maintain this road on a regular basis. He believes that Ziegler can blade the existing county road section as long as they stay within the existing width of disturbance. Since the existing roads are County Class D roads, Ziegler will not be responsible for reclamation of these roads outside the lease. Ziegler will be responsible for reclaiming the short spur roads at the mine and the section of road which will be no longer used as a result of the realignment. At this time, Ziegler wishes to realign one part of the mine access road. When this is done, the old mine access road will be reclaimed and they will just use the new one. This realignment will require a cut through a hill to straighten out a tight curve and some grading of fill material to smooth out a rocky area.

Photographs were taken of the road areas and the general mine site. We left the site by taking the other existing road which follows the bottom of a wash. Norm explained that they had to grade this road several times this year due to the rain storms which frequented the area this year.

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cc: Norm Haslem, Ziegler
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